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## **SIMMONS CONTINUES PUSH ON MINIMUM WAGE**

### *Lawmaker Part Of GOP Moderates Pushing For A Vote On The Issue*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, last night continued his efforts in support of raising the national minimum wage when he joined 50 moderate Republicans in calling for congressional action increasing the federal minimum wage before Congress adjourns at the end of this week for the August District Work Period.

In a letter to House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-OH), the Republican moderates wrote, “As you know, it has been nearly ten years since the last increase in the minimum wage. At the current rate, a minimum wage employee who works 40-hours a week earns \$10,700 per year. For a single parent with two children that amount is thousands of dollars below the federal poverty line. Nobody working full time should have to live in poverty. We believe it is time for Congress to take responsible action to raise the minimum wage and ensure our hard working constituents can provide for their families.”

For his part, Simmons is a cosponsor of two bills that would raise the federal minimum wage to more than \$7.15 and \$7.50 per hour respectively. “Supporting a federal minimum wage increase levels the playing field for business owners in Connecticut, while increasing wages for hardworking Americans across the country,” Simmons said. “It’s time to set aside the partisan politics surrounding this issue and act on behalf of America’s working families.”

The text of the letter is as follows:

*Dear Mr. Leader,*

*We are writing today to reiterate our request that you bring legislation increasing the federal minimum wage to the floor this week. As Members prepare for the August District Work Period, many of our constituents feel strongly that this matter deserves the full attention of Congress immediately. The citizens in our districts are voicing their support for such an increase and ultimately we are accountable to them.*

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*We appreciate the leadership you provide and willingness to work with us to resolve this matter positively. We look forward to working with you to ensure a majority of our colleagues in the House will support such legislation and we thank you for your attention to this critical issue.*

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